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SUBJECT: IMCO COUNCIL - ADDITIONAL STAFF ACCOMMODATION ISSUE

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1. AT WORKING GROUP ON IMCO HEADQUARTERS FACILITIES
MEETING, SEPTEMBER 18, SECRETARY GENERAL PRESENTED
ADVANCE COPY OF PAPER HE WILL PUT BEFORE 33RD COUNCIL
(OCT. 3-4, 1974) ON IMMEDIATE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF
OFFICE SPACE (PARA (3), REFTEL).

2. BASED ON RECOMMENDATION OF WG TO COUNCIL THAT NEXT
ASSEMBLY BE HELD AT CUNARD HOTEL FACILITIES, SEC. GEN.
SUGGESTS IN PAPER (COUNCIL XXXII/4/ADD. I) TO BE SENT TO
COUNCIL MEMBERS THIS WEEK THAT TEMPORARY SOLUTION TO NEED
FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR ELEVEN ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBERS FOR
REMAINDER OF 74/75 BIENNIAL CAN BE MET BY PARTITIONING OF
LARGE ROOM ON FOURTH FLOOR (ROOM 402). SEC. GEN ESTIMATES
THIS WILL COST \$21,000; ADDITIONAL COST FOR CUNARD
HOTEL FOR 1975 ASSEMBLY WILL BE \$30,000. ALTERNATIVE TO
THIS SHORT TERM ARRANGEMENT ESTIMATED TO COST APPROX-
IMATELY \$100,000 FOR REMAINDER OF BIENNIAL IF OUTSIDE
OFFICE SPACE WERE RENTED.

3. SEC GEN PROPOSAL SUPPORTED BY WORKING GROUP AS RECOM-
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MENDATION TO 33RD COUNCIL; THEREFORE COUNCIL WILL BE

ASKED TO APPROVE USE OF CUNARD HOTEL FOR 75 ASSEMBLY AND
AUTHORIZE TOTAL ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OF ABOUT \$51,000
FOR THIS AND PARTITIONING OF ROOM 402.

4. ADVANCE COPY OF PAPER COUNCIL XXXIII/4/ADD. I BEING
POUCHED IO/TRC MR. GRIP.

5. AT MEETING, UN-NEW YORK EXPERT ON ACCOMMODATIONS
SUPPORTED SEC. GEN. & WG VIEWS THAT NEW BUILDING APPEARS
TO BE ONLY SATISFACTORY ANSWER TO HEADQUARTERS NEEDS AND
ALSO SUPPORTED SEC GEN'S. PROPOSALS FOR SPACE REQUIRED AS
OUTLINED PAGE 8 OF DOCUMENT C XXXIII/4 WHICH HE FOUND CON-
SERVATIVE. A PAPER PROVIDING HIS VIEWS WILL BE PUT BEFORE
THE COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH C XXXIII/4.

6. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH SEC.GEN., HE STRESSED
THAT, IN HIS VIEW, ONLY ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME OF COUNCIL CON-
SIDERATION OF HEADQUARTERS FACILITIES ISSUE WILL BE COUNCIL
AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH DETAILED
INVESTIGATIONS AND PLANNING FOR NEW STAFF OFFICES AND
CONFERENCE FACILITIES BASED ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILD-
ING. HIS ASSESSMENT BASED ON CONSIDERATIONS THAT NO OTHER
ALTERNATIVE APPEARS TO OFFER SATISFACTORY SOLUTION, LONG
LEAD TIME NEEDED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND URGENT NEED FOR
EXPANDED FACILITIES. ANNENBERG

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